MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : When was the Committee appointed ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : In September 1932.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Who are the members of the Committee ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Dr. Noble, the Chief Engineer and the Quilon Peishkar.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is it after the inspection of the sites by the Inspecting Medical Officer that this Committee was appointed ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know whether Dr. Noble holds any office under Government.

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : He was a member of the Medical Board.

PRESIDENT: You are getting away from your point, Mr. Asan.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Is it because there was none in our Health Department competent to advise Government on this matter that Dr. Noble was chosen ?

PRESIDENT Again, you are going away from the question. You are cross-examining the member. I must ask you not to do so.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : The member stated that it was reported by the Inspecting Medical Officer that the site Atiramkal was the best available for this purpose. Are there not lands available in the neighbourhood ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : That information is not now avilable.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): In answer to part (*h*) it has been stated that the Dewan inspected the place in the company of the member and Mr. E. V. Krishna Pillai. Has the Dewan recorded his opinion ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : What is it, please ?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : It is confidential.

Choosing of a site for the leper asylum.

62. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the particular sites under their consideration for the shifting of the leper asylum ;

(*b*) whether the merits of the particular sites have been examined with reference to the following points:—

(i) the nature of the locality from the standpoint of health ;

(ii) the absence of much habitation ;

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(iii) the proximity of churches, mosques, temples, markets, schools and other places of public resort;

(iv) easy approach from the main road and a reasonable distance from it;

(v) fertility of the soil;

(vi) availability of Government lands for the present buildings and prospective development; and

(vii) the public protests received; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, whether they will place before the House the information so collected with regard to each of those sites?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) to (*c*) The member is referred to the answer to interpellation No. 72

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): In answer to this question, I am referred to the answer to interpellation No. 72. Is it because the questions are the same that the answer also is the same?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The points raised are the same and the answers also are the same.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): I want to know, whether the merits of the particular sites have been examined with reference to the following points *viz.*: the suitability of the locality from the standpoint of health, the absence of much habitation, the proximity of churches, mosques, temples, markets, schools and other places of public resort, easy approach from the main road and a reasonable distance from it, the fertility of the soil, availability of Government lands for the present buildings and prospective development and the public protests received. I want to know whether the answer to the previous interpellation make any reference to the last two points.

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): It has been stated in the answer to question No. 72, that an expert committee to enquire into the matter has been appointed. That committee will consider these points also. The committee has not yet submitted its report.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether the attention of the Committee will be drawn to these points also?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): If, on a perusal of their report, it is found that these points have not been considered, they will be asked to consider these points also.

Acquisition of land for the location of the leper asylum.

63. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have decided to acquire land for the leper asylum in the Enathimangalam pakuthi of Kunnattur taluk;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, (i) the area, (ii) the name of the owner, and (iii) the probable cost of acquisition of the land;

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